



State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

August 20, 2015 System No.: 5410024

Board of Directors Richgrove Community Services District P. O. Box 86 Richgrove, CA 93261

RE:

Citation No. 03_12_15C_014

Violation of Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 64426.1,

For June 2015

Dear Board of Directors:

Enclosed is a Citation issued to the Richgrove Community Services District (System) public water system.

The System will be billed at the Division's hourly rate (currently estimated at \$126.00) for the time spent on issuing this Citation. The California Health and Safety Code Section 116577 provides that a public water system must reimburse the Division for actual costs incurred by the Division for specified enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation.

The System will receive a bill sent from the Division of Drinking Water Fee Billing Unit in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on the System during the current fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding this letter and the enclosed citation, please contact Ms. Cristina Knudsen or me at (559) 447-3300.

Sincerely,

Tricia A. Wathen, P.E.

Senior Sanitary Engineer, Visalia District SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH

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DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

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cc: Tulare County Environmental Health Department

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

IN RE: RICHGROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Water System No.: 5410024

TO: Board of Directors

P. O. Box 86

Richgrove, CA 93261

Issued: August 20, 2015

CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE OF TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION TITLE 22, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, SECTION 64426.1

JUNE 2015

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "State Board") to issue a citation to a public water system when the State Board determines that the public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued or adopted thereunder.

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The State Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division, hereby issues this citation pursuant to Section 116650 of the CHSC to the Richgrove Community Services District (hereinafter "System") for violation of CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and Title 22 California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"), Section 64426.1.

A copy of the applicable statutes and regulations are included in Appendix 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The System is classified as a community water system serving a residential population of approximately 3,400 persons through 524 service connections.

The System is required to collect a minimum of three (3) distribution system bacteriological samples per month. The Division received laboratory results for six (6) bacteriological samples collected during June 2015 from the System. All samples were analyzed for the presence of total coliform bacteria. Five (5) of the six (6) samples analyzed were positive for total coliform bacteria. None of the positive samples showed the presence of fecal coliform or *E. coli* bacteria. All water samples for coliform bacteria collected are summarized in Attachment A.

DETERMINATION

Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) states that a public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL if it collects fewer than 40 bacteriological samples per month and more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive.

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The System collected six (6) bacteriological samples during June 2015. The results of the analysis of five (5) were total coliform positive. Therefore, the State Board has determined that the System violated Title 22, CCR Section 64426.1 during June 2015.

DIRECTIVES

The System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 1. Comply with Title 22, CCR, Section 64426.1, in all future monitoring periods.
- 2. By <u>September 10, 2015</u>, the System shall complete and submit the enclosed "Positive Total Coliform Investigation" form to the Division that describes the incident and all corrective actions taken, and the results of the investigation. The appropriate investigation report is provided as Attachment C.

All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the following address:

Tricia Wathen, Senior Sanitary Engineer State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water, Visalia District 265 W. Bullard Ave, Suite 101 Fresno, CA 93704

The State Board reserves the right to make such modifications to the Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

PARTIES BOUND

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

SEVERABILITY

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the System shall comply with each and every provision hereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

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FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The California SDWA authorizes the State Board to: issue a citation with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the State Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Board; and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Board. The State Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

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Senior Sanitary Engineer, Visalia District DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS BRANCH

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Enclosures (6): Appendix 1:

Attachment C:

Applicable Statutes and Regulations

Summary of Distribution Bacteriological Samples Attachment A: Attachment B:

Summary of Source Bacteriological Samples Positive Total Coliform Investigation report

Attachment D: Public Notice for June 2015 Attachment E: Proof of Notification Form



APPENDIX 1

Applicable Statues and Regulations for Citation No. 03_12_15C_014 Violation of Total Coliform Rule MCL

Section 116271 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

- (a) The State Water Resources Control Board succeeds to and is vested with all of the authority, duties, powers, purposes, functions, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the State Department of Public Health, its predecessors, and its director for purposes of all of the following:
 - (1) The Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Act (Article 3 (commencing with Section 100825) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 101).
 - (2) Article 3 (commencing with Section 106875) of Chapter 4 of Part 1.
 - (3) Article 1 (commencing with Section 115825) of Chapter 5 of Part 10.
 - (4) This chapter and the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997 (Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 116760)).
 - (5) Article 2 (commencing with Section 116800), Article 3 (commencing with Section 116825), and Article 4 (commencing with Section 116875) of Chapter 5.
 - (6) Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 116975).
 - (7) The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Division 43 (commencing with Section 75001) of the Public Resources Code).
 - (8) The Water Recycling Law (Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 13500) of Division 7 of the Water Code).
 - (9) Chapter 7.3 (commencing with Section 13560) of Division 7 of the Water Code.
 - (10) The California Safe Drinking Water Bond Law of 1976 (Chapter 10.5 (commencing with Section 13850) of Division 7 of the Water Code).
 - (11) Wholesale Regional Water System Security and Reliability Act (Division 20.5 (commencing with Section 73500) of the Water Code).
 - (12) Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Division 26.5 (commencing with Section 79500) of the Water Code).
- (b) The State Water Resources Control Board shall maintain a drinking water program and carry out the duties, responsibilities, and functions described in this section. Statutory reference to "department," "state department," or "director" regarding a function transferred to the State Water Resources Control Board shall refer to the State Water Resources Control Board. This section does not impair the authority of a local health officer to enforce this chapter or a county's election not to enforce this chapter, as provided in Section 116500...
- (k) (1) The State Water Resources Control Board shall appoint a deputy director who reports to the executive director to oversee the issuance and enforcement of public water system permits and other duties as appropriate. The deputy director shall have public health expertise.
 - (2) The deputy director is delegated the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to provide notice, approve notice content, approve emergency notification plans, and take other action pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116450), to issue, renew, reissue, revise, amend, or deny any public water system permits pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 116525), to suspend or revoke any public water system permit pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625), and to issue citations, assess penalties, or issue orders pursuant to Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650). Decisions and actions of the deputy director taken pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 116450) or Article 7 (commencing with Section 116525) are deemed decisions and actions taken, but are not subject to reconsideration, by the State Water Resources Control Board. Decisions and actions of the deputy director taken pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 116625) and Article 9 (commencing with Section 116650) are deemed decisions and actions taken by the State Water Resources Control Board, but any aggrieved person may petition the State Water Resources Control Board for reconsideration of the decision or action. This subdivision is not a limitation on the State Water Resources Control Board's authority to delegate any other powers and duties.

Section 116555(a)(1) of the CHSC states in relevant part:

- (a) Any person who owns a public water system shall ensure that the system does all of the following:
 - (1) Complies with primary and secondary drinking water standards.

Section 116650 (Citations) of the CHSC states in relevant part:

- (a) If the Division determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the Division may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.
- (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.
- (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.
- (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).
- (e) The Division may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars

(\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

Section 64426.1 (Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)) of the CCR states in relevant part:

(a) Results of all samples collected in a calendar month pursuant to Sections 64423, 64424, and 64425 that are not invalidated by the Department or the laboratory shall be included in determining compliance with the total coliform MCL. Special purpose samples such as those listed in §64421(b) and samples collected by the water supplier during special investigations shall not be used to determine compliance with the total coliform MCL.

(b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL when any of the following occurs:

- (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per month, more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any month are total coliform-positive; or
- (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per month, more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-positive; or

Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or

(4) Any repeat sample following a fecal collform-positive or E. coli-positive routine sample is total coliform-positive.

(c) If a public water system is not in compliance with paragraphs (b)(1) through (4), during any month in which it supplies water to the public, the water supplier shall notify the Department by the end of the business day on which this is determined, unless the determination occurs after the Department office is closed, in which case the supplier shall notify the Department within 24 hours of the determination. The water supplier shall also notify the consumers served by the water system. A Tier 2 Public Notice shall be given for violations of paragraphs (b)(1) or (2), pursuant to section 64463.4. A Tier 1 Public Notice shall be given for violations of paragraphs (b)(3) or (4), pursuant to section 64463.1.

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6/15/2015	20986 Grove Dr.	Р	Α			Repeat	0.45				
6/15/2015	20991 Grove Dr.	Р	Α			Routine	0.46				
6/15/2015	305 Rd 210	Р	Α			Routine	0.53				
6/15/2015	20890 Dooley Dr.	Α	Α			Repeat	0.29				
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Source Bacteriological Monitoring Report

5410024	Richgrove	CSD
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Sample Date	Time	Source	Sample Type	Test Method	T Coli	E Coli	F Coli	<i>HPC</i>	Violation	Comments	······································
6/15/2015		Well 4	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1					
5/6/2015	9:49	Well 5	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1					
4/16/2015	8:42	Well 5	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1					
3/13/2015	8:30	Well 5	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1					
2/18/2015	9:08	Well 5	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1					
1/8/2015	9:27	Well 5	Well	MPN	<1.1	<1.1					

Attachment C

POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM INVESTIGATION Simple Well with Pressure Tank Systems

This form is intended to assist public water systems in completing the investigation required by the Division of Drinking Water (Section 64426(b) of Title 22, California Code of Regulations) and may be modified to take into account conditions unique to the system.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

PWS Name:	PWSID NUMBER:	
Name	Address Telephone #	one#
Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC)		
Person that collected TC samples if different than ORC		
Owner		
Certified Laboratory for Microbiological Analyses		
Date Investigation Completed:	***************************************	
Month(s) of Total Coliform MCL Failure:	er a management de la companya de la	

INVESTIGATION DETAILS

SYSTEM RESPONSES	1. What is the minimum pressure you are maintaining in the distribution system?	2. Did pressure in the distribution system drop to less than 5 psi prior to experiencing	the TCR positive finding.
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 3. Has the distribution system been worked on within the last week? (service taps, hydrant flushing, main breaks, main extensions, etc.) If yes, provide details. 4. Are there any signs of excavations near your distribution system not under the direct control of your maintenance staff? 5. Did you inspect your distribution system to check for mainline leaks? Do you or did you have a mainline leak? 6. If there was a mainline leak, when was it repaired? 7. On what date was the distribution system last flushed? 8. Is there a written flushing procedure you can provide for our review?
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9 Do you have an active cross connection control program?
10. What is name and phone number of your Cross-Connection Control Program
Coordinator?
11. Is the review and testing of backflow prevention devices current?
12. On what date was the last physical survey of the system done to identify cross-
connections?

SAMPLE SITE EVALUATION (Complete for all TC+ or EC+ findings)	Routine Site TC+ or EC+	Upstream Site	Downstream Site	Sample 4 (specify)
1. What is the height of the sample tap above grade? (inches)				
2. Is the sample tap located in an exterior location or is it protected by an enclosure?				
3. Is the sample tap threaded, have a swing arm (kitchen sink) or aerator (sinks)?				
4. Is the sample tap in good condition, free of leaks around the stem or packing?				
5. Can the sample tap be adjusted to the point where a good laminar flow can be				
acnieved without excessive splash?				
6. Is the sample tap and area around the sample tap clean and dry (free of animal				
droppings. other contaminants or spray irrigation systems)				
7 Is the area around the sample tap free of excessive vegetation or other impediments				
to satisfie collection				
Describe how the tap was treated in preparation for sample collection (ran water, swabbed with disinfectant, flamed, etc.)				
 Is this sample tap designated on the sampling plan submitted with this information request? 				
10. What were the weather conditions at the time of the positive sample (rainy, windy,		-	**************************************	
sunny),				

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GENERAL OPERALIONS.	Response
1. Where there any power outages that affected water system facilities during the 30	
days prior to the TC+ or EC + findings?	
2. Where there any main breaks, water outages, or low pressure reported in the service	
area where TC+ or EC+ samples were located.	
3. Does the system have backup power or elevated storage?	
4. During or soon after bacteriological quality problems, did you receive any complaints	
of any customers' illness suspected of being waterborne? How many?	
5. What were the symptoms of illness if you received complaints about customers being	
sick?	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED WITH RESPONSES TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS

- 1. Sketch of System showing all sources, treatment locations, storage tanks, microbiological sampling sites and general layout of the distribution system including the location of all hazardous connections such as the wastewater treatment facility.
 - 2. A set of photographs of the well, pressure tanks, and storage tanks in the system may be submitted if they would show that the contamination is directly related and changes have been made since the last inspection by our Department
 - 3. Name, certification level and certificate number of the Operator in Responsible Charge.
- 4. Copy of the last cross connection survey performed that identifies the location of all unprotected cross connections.

SUMMARY: BASED ON THE RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION AT YOUR DISPOSAL, WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE POSITIVE TOTAL COLIFORM SAMPLES FROM YOUR PUBLIC WATER **SYSTEM?**

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS ABOVE IS	OF MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE
CERTIFICATION: 1 CE	ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF IN

DATE:	
NAME:	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

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Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Richgrove CSD Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 11 samples to test for the presence of collform bacteria through June, 2015. 6 of these samples showed the presence of total collform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may show the presence of collform bacteria.

What should I do?

You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.

- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform
 bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in
 the environment and are used as an indicator that other; potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present.
 Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What is being done?

We believe the chlorinator machine is not working properly. The District will fixed the machine, more sampling will be submitted on July 2015 to make sure the problem is resolved. We anticipate resolving the problem within 2 weeks.

For more information, please contact <u>Lorena Maldonado</u> at (661) 725-5632 or at the following mailing address: <u>P. O. Box 86 Richgrove, CA 93261.</u>

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS: Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS: Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by Richgrove CSD.

Date distributed: June 19, 2015.

PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

(Return with copy of the Notice)

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified all users of water supplied by the **Richgrove CSD** (5410024) of the failure to meet the total coliform bacteria MCL for the month of June 2015 as directed by the Division. At least one primary distribution method is required: mail, hand-delivery or newspaper publication. A second method is also required in order to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing, direct delivery or newspaper publication (renters, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.):

Noti	fication was made on UMe_19, 2015
7	(date)
To s that	summarize report delivery used and good-faith efforts used, please check all items below apply and fill-in where appropriate:
	The notice was distributed by mail delivery to each customer served by the water system.
V	The notice was distributed by direct delivery to each customer served by the water
	system. Specify direct delivery method(s) used: hand delivered by service man
	Publication of the notice in a local newspaper or newsletter of general circulation (attach a copy of the published notice, including name of newspaper and date published).
	Posted the notice at the following conspicuous locations served by the water system (if needed, please attach a list of locations).
	Posted the notice on the Internet at www
	Other method used to notify customers.
	DISCLOSURE: Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.
Certifi Date:	18/18/15 Signature: howard Manager

Due to the Division of Drinking Water within 10 days of notification to the public Total Coliform MCL Failure / Enforcement Action No.: In progress